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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUB: FATE OF WEST BERLIN'S INNER GERMAN TRADE OFFICE

REF: A) BONN 4482; B) BERLIN 564; C) BONN 6321

1. SUMMARY: BAHR REPORTEDLY PLANS TO PROPOSE TO GDR TRANSFER OF INTER ZONAL TRADE (IZT) FUNCTION TO FRG AND GDR MISSIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN EAST BERLIN AND BONN RESPECTIVELY. PLAN IS OPPOSED BY BERLIN SPD PARTY LEADERSHIP IN BELIEF END RESULT MIGHT BE DISCONTINUATION OF FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN IZT NEGOTIATIONS. THIS COULD AFFECT CURRENT EFFORTS TO HAVE FRG REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN OIL PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH IZT OFFICE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 28 PRESS REPORTED BAHR'S INTENTION TO PROPOSE IN MEETING WITH GDR (HOHL) TO BE HELD IN SECOND HALF OF AUGUST THAT IZT FUNCTION BE TRANSFERRED FROM TREUHANDSTELLE (SPECIAL IZT  
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OFFICE IN BERLIN ESTABLISHED IN 1951) TO FRG MISSION TO BE ESTAB-

LISED IN EAST BERLIN, WITH GDR MAKING SIMILAR TRANSFER TO ITS MISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED BONN. IF REPORT IS ACCURATE, MINISTER OF ECONOMICS FRIDERICH'S OPTIMISM WAS OBVIOUSLY MISPLACED WHEN HE EXPRESSED VIEW IN MARCH THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO LEAVE TREUHANDSTELLE INTACT (REF B).

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTED OPPOSITION TO BAHR'S PLAN EXPRESSED BY BERLIN SPD PARTY LEADERSHIP IN JULY 5 MEETING WITH BAHR. BERLIN LEADERSHIP FEARS REORGANIZATION WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY GDR REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN IZT, AS TREUHANDSTELLE HAS DONE IN PAST. SENAT AND ECONOMICS MINISTRY ALSO REPORTEDLY ARGUE THAT GDR HAS UP TO NOW MADE NO DEMAND FOR REORGANIZATION (APPARENTLY BEING UNAWARE OF GDR WISH THAT FRG MISSION IN EAST BERLIN ASSUME DUTIES, AS REPORTED BY BLECH IN BONN GROUP--REF C).

4. BUSINESS LEADERS AND CDU OPPOSITION ARE ALSO AGAIN SUPPORTING RETENTION OF PRESENT IZT OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. BERLIN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, FRG INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, AND GERMAN CHAMER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE REPORTEDLY INFORMED FRG CHANCELLERY IN BONN OF THEIR VIEWS THAT TREUHANDSTELLE IN BERLIN IS IN BETTER POSITION TO HAVE DIRECT UNCONTROLLED CONTACT WITH GDR AND TO ASSURE CONTINUED SPECIAL POSITION OF IZT IN COMMON MARKET. BERLIN CDU PARTY LEADER ALSO STRESSED COMMON MARKET ARGUMENT AND SAID DISSOLUTION OF IZT OFFICE IN BERLIN WOULD REVEAL REGRETTABLE FRB ATTITUDE OF HOSITILITY TO CITY.

5. UNCERTAINTY OVER FUTURE IZT ORGANIZATION COMES AT TIME WHEN SENAT, WITH FRG CONCURRENCE, HAS INFORMED GDR THAT "TREUHANDSTELLE FOR IZT" IS TO "CLARIFY CONCLUSIVELY" POINTS YET TO BE AGREED UPON IN PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS WAS TO BE MEANS WHEREBY FRG WOULD REPRESENT WEST BERLIN. MELNWHILE GDR IS IGNORING THIS PART OF SENAT PIPELINE COMMUNICATION AND INSISTING ON DIRECT SENAT-GDR NEGOTIATIONS (BERLIN 1300).BORG

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